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National Operations Update

As of 7:45 a.m., 20 Feb 2022

Emergency Preparedness Secretariat

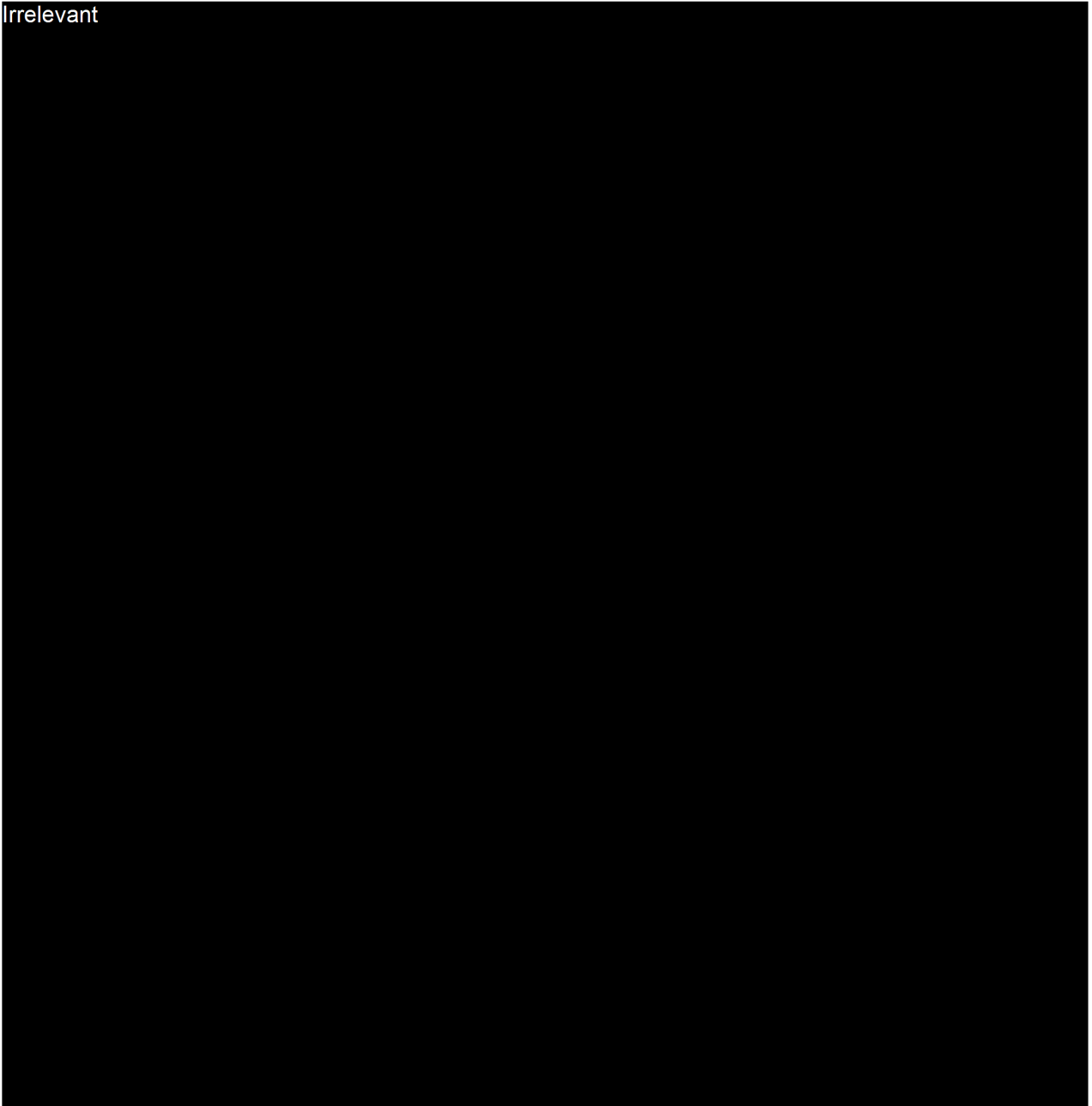
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MAIN POINTS

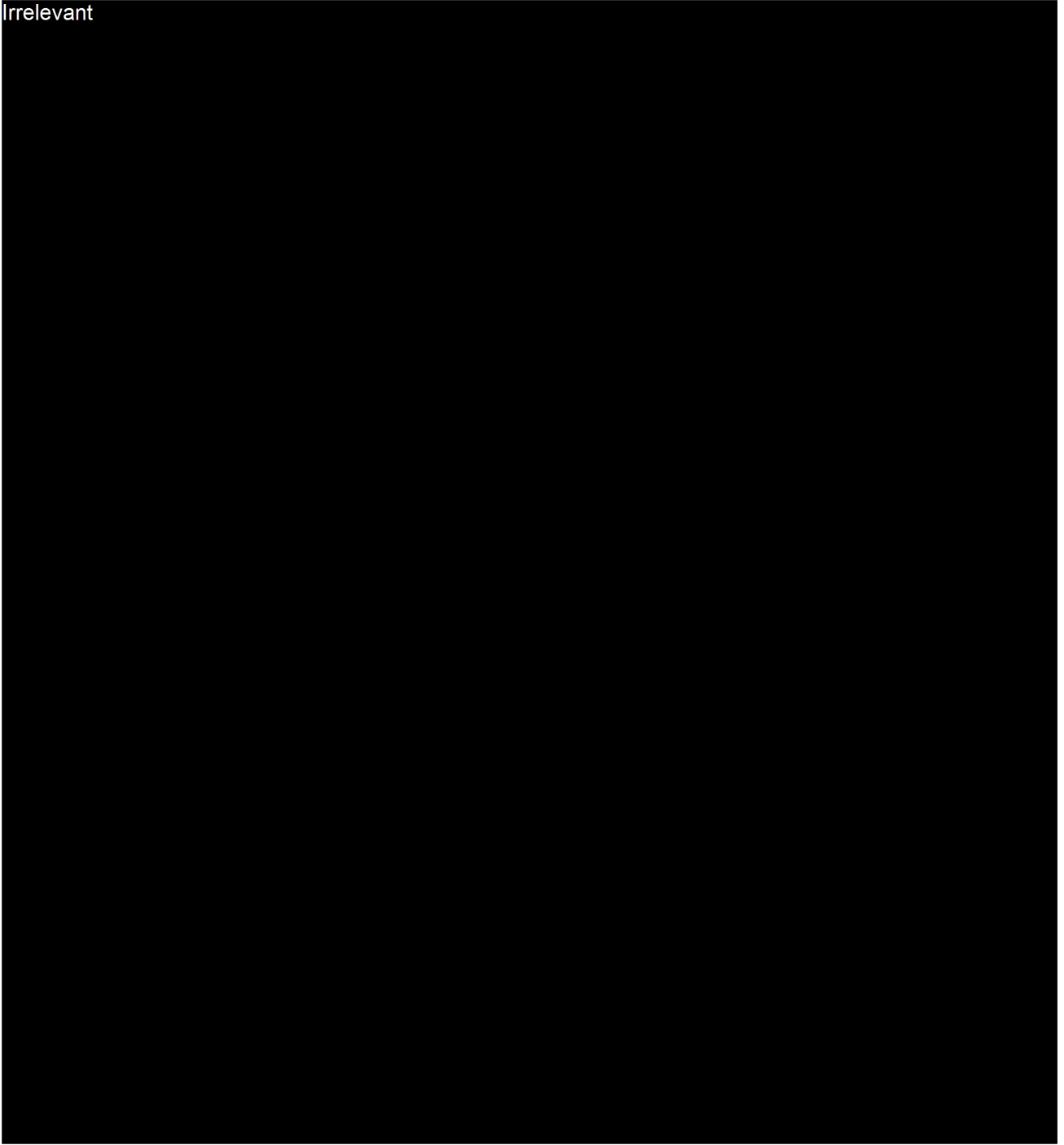
- Updated: Summary of Canada Unity Convoy 2022 demonstrations

CURRENT OPERATIONS/ISSUES:

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CANADA UNITY CONVOY 2022 –DEMONSTRATION

- On 14 Feb, the Prime Minister invoked the *Emergencies Act* including broadening the scope of anti-money laundering rules and directing banks to cut services.
- On 19 Feb, Minister of Public Safety confirmed that at least 76 accounts containing approximately \$3.2M had been frozen under the powers of the *Act*.

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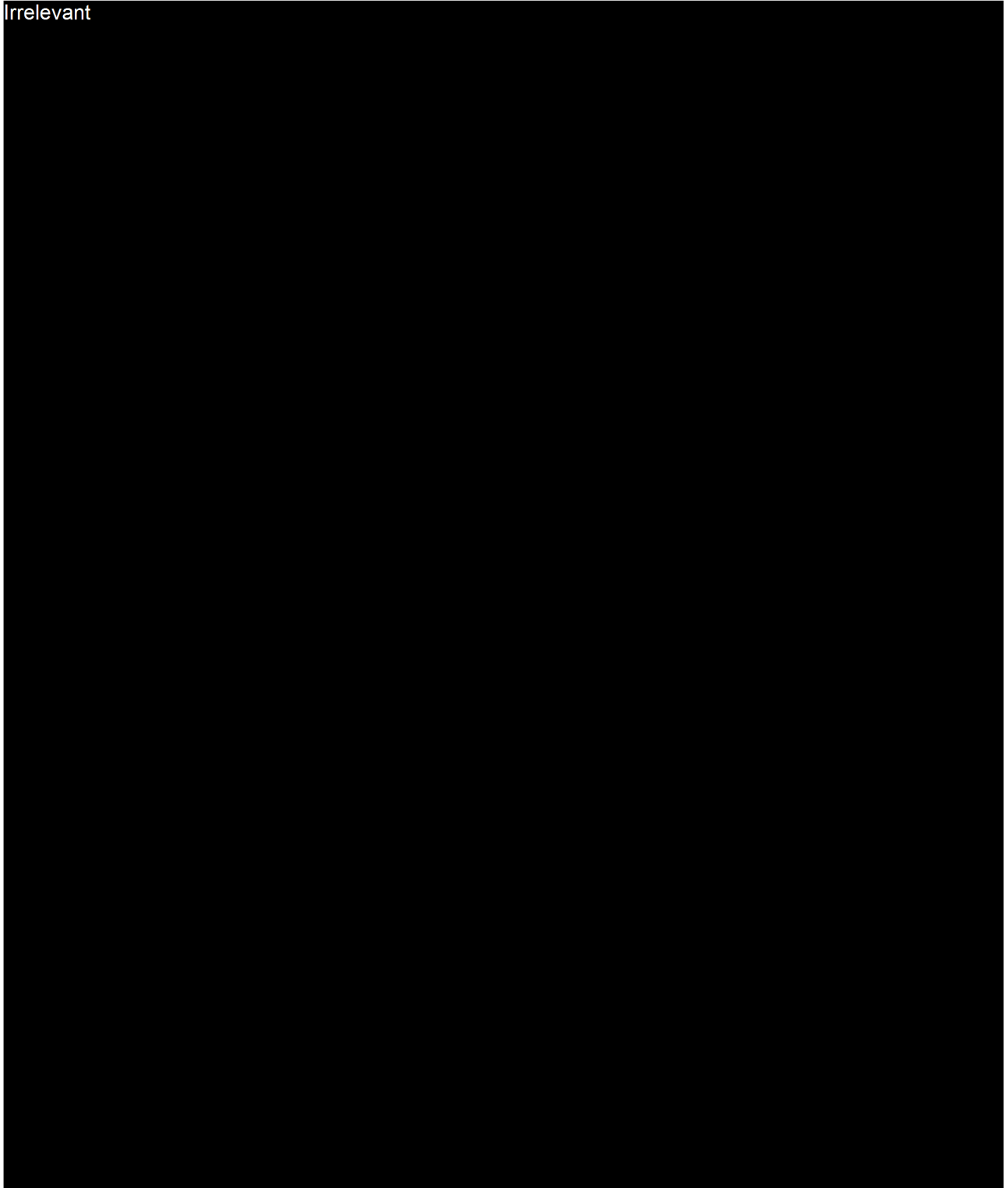
- On 19 Feb, the federal government announced a \$20M investment to provide non-payable contributions to businesses affected by the protests in downtown Ottawa.
- The demonstrations continued in Ottawa on 19 Feb; Police operations remained ongoing in the secure downtown Ottawa area:
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 - As of 20 Feb, Police made more than 170 arrests and towed away 54 vehicles; OPS resorted to a chemical irritant to stop assaultive behavior, control the crowd and ensure officer safety; Bylaw officers have issued 3,600 tickets.
 - As of 2200 hrs, on 19 Feb, Police enforcement had cleared Wellington Street and the Parliamentary Precinct; the majority of vehicles on Kent Street and Sir John A. MacDonald Parkway, have either left or have been towed.
 - A NOTAM has been issued with an airspace restriction over downtown Ottawa – extended to 28 Feb.
- Other protests were held / are being planned across Canada, in solidarity with those in Ottawa. Areas impacted include:
 - Surrey, BC (POE)
 - On 19 Feb, the Pacific Highway POE experienced significant disruptions due to protesters; CBSA confirm the border crossing remains open, but has advised travellers to use an alternate crossing.
 - Police have established checkpoints around the area.
 - Vancouver, BC:
 - On 19 Feb, several dozen vehicles and protesters met along Hastings Park; originally planned to head to Surrey Pacific Highway border crossing; the demonstration remained peaceful.
 - Winnipeg, MB
 - On 19 Feb, protesters remained gathered on Memorial Boulevard, near the Manitoba Legislature; the event was peaceful.
 - On 19 Feb, organizers say they will remain protesting until they can have an 'open dialogue' with the Prime Minister.
 - North Portal, SK (POE)
 - On 18 Feb, social media reports that 60-80 semi trucks and 120 passenger vehicles are traveling to the border crossing.
 - On 20 Feb, CBSA reports no delays at the border; but continues to monitor and remains in communication with the RCMP.
 - Lacolle, QC (POE)
 - Social media reports that Freedom Canada Convoy has encouraged a demonstration at the Lacolle POE on 19 Feb; Sûreté du Québec is stationed at the border crossing.
 - Quebec City:
 - On 20 Feb, thousands of protesters converged in Quebec City; demonstration has remained relatively peaceful, despite 3 arrests made.
 - A convoy of heavy trucks, tractors and school buses have congested Rene Levesque Boulevard. .
 - A NOTAM was re-issued for the area until 22 Feb. 18.
 - A NOTAM was issued restricting airspace near the Jean Lesage International Airport.

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- On 13 Feb, a GiveSendGo data leak revealed that the majority of funds collected through the crowdfunding site came from foreign donors, including the U.S., U.K, and Australia.
- On 17 Feb, reports that the Canadian Civil Liberties Association is seeking a judicial review of the government's decision to invoke the *Emergencies Act*, stating that the measures are unconstitutional.

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